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TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1977, polls to be open for voting on Article 1, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon and to close not earlier than 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for same.
(This includes:
 - A. General Government
 - B. Protection of Persons & Property – as shown in budget))
3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Poor and Old Age Assistance.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 476.36 in order to secure from the State the sum of 3,175.72 to be expended for town road aid.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for repairs to the Town Hall and other town buildings.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the Forest and Fire Department.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$750.00 to the Rumney Fire Department for fire protection from March 1, 1977 to March 1, 1978.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for snow removal and road equipment.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25.00 to purchase flags to place at the graves of our veterans in Dorchester.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent, sell, and convey or otherwise dispose of any real estate or mineral rights acquired by the Town by any Tax Collector's deed.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the purpose of making arrangements for the use of a disposal area for garbage and rubbish, for the use of Dorchester residents.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set offs against budget appropriations in the amounts indicated; and further to the Selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

To be used on Road Maintenance

15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$32.00 as its share of the cost of publicizing and promoting the natural attractions of the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the support of the Dorchester Community Library.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the support of the Cemetery Fund.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$117.00 for membership in the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$350.00 in order to support the work of the Mascoma Area Health Council within the Town.

20. To see if the Town will enact an ordinance pursuant to the police powers set forth in R.S.A. 31:39 and for the purpose of preserving and protecting the use and continued beauty of the Dorchester Cemetery as follows:

“It shall be unlawful for anyone to erect or place any structure designed for living purposes on new foundations within 75 feet of any cemetery boundary line located within the Town of Dorchester. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by majority vote. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined \$10.00. Each day’s violation shall constitute a separate offence.”

(by petition)

21. To see if the Town will vote to grant the Dorchester Historical Society permission to continue the use of the Town House School (so called), as an Historical Museum for as long as it remains an Historical Society. It is agreed that the maintainance of the building shall be the responsibility of the Dorchester Historical Society.

22. To hear reports of agents, auditors or committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

23. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 9th day of February, 1977.

ALBERT B. CARTER
CHARLES I. WALKER
ERNEST J. HANLEY
Selectmen of Dorchester

A true copy
ATTEST:

ALBERT B. CARTER
CHARLES I. WALKER
ERNEST J. HANLEY
Selectmen of Dorchester

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Albert B. Carter, '77

Ernest J. Hanley, '79

Charles I. Walker, '78

Moderator

Alexander Lennox, Jr.

Tax Collector

Delbert B. Gray

Town Clerk

Nellie M. Ashley

Treasurer

Jean M. Krzyzak

Road Agent

Raymond E. Conkey

Forest Fire Warden

Richard P. Carter

Health Officer

Alfred E. Ashley

Relief Agent

Kenneth L. Hall, Jr.

Police Officer and Dog Constable

Larry H. Walker

Deputy

John Cote

Ernest E. Marsh, Jr.

Trustees of Trust Funds

James T. Day, '79

Lynda L. Boehm, '77

Rita T. Butcher, '78

Supervisors of Check Lists

Alfred E. Ashley, '82

Marion E. Delsart, '80

Margaret M. Lennox, '78

Auditors

Matilda M. Ernst

Mary Carroll Abell

Cemetery Committee

Nella H. Ashley, Chairman

Library

Nella H. Ashley, '79

Robert W. Thayer, '77

John P. King, '78

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land	\$409,427.00	
Buildings	584,483.00	
Electric Poles & Fixtures	14,688.00	
House Trailers (18)	<u>36,800.00</u>	
Total Valuation		\$1,045,398.00
Property Exemption R.S.A. 72:39	-20,000.00	<u>-20,000.00</u>
NET VALUATION		\$1,025,398.00

Veteran's Widow Exemption from Resident Tax (2)

Tax Rate, \$4.90

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description:

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$ 10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,300.00
Library	2,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	600.00
Highway Department Equipment	20,000.00
School, Land and Buildings	3,000.00
Police Department Equipment	<u>1,500.00</u>
	\$ 38,400.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER, N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977 or for the Fiscal Year from January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year 1976	Actual Expendi- tures Previous Fiscal Year 1976	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,121.52	\$ 3,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,600.00	1,247.72	1,600.00
Election & Registration Exp.	700.00	1,051.90	500.00
Municipal & District Court Exp.		.30	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	200.00	550.52	400.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	600.00	761.03	800.00
Fire Department	900.00	771.09	1,150.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,521.90	1,800.00
Damages & Legal Expense	500.00	1,261.25	700.00
Health Dept.:			
Mascoma Health Council	350.00	350.00	350.00
Town Dump	750.00	750.00	1,000.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maint. — summer/winter	13,000.00	16,647.37	13,000.00
Class Five	9,196.85	9,211.20	9,007.87
Highway Repairs			2,000.00
Town Road Aid	486.92	486.92	476.36
Libraries:	100.00	100.00	150.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	200.00		200.00
Old Age Assistance	100.00		1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes (flags)	10.00	22.00	25.00

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	200.00	200.00	400.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee			32.00
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council	131.00	131.00	131.00

Debt Service:

Principal & Long Term Notes	2,000.00	4,955.75	
Interest – Long Term Notes	400.00	318.05	
Interest on Temporary Loans	200.00	183.33	250.00

Capital Outlay:

County Tax	3,700.00	3,759.99	4,000.00
School Tax		31,682.08	

Payment to Capital Reserve Funds

Road Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Building Fund	200.00	200.00	200.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$40,824.77	\$80,284.92	\$43,672.23
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SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year 1976	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year 1976	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,339.07	\$ 2,000.00
Class Five Road Money	9,196.85	9,196.85	9,007.87
Savings Bank Tax	100.00	232.90	150.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,000.00	1,132.16	1,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	5,663.52	5,663.52	5,575.01
Reimbursement Forest Conser- vation Aid	50.00	37.51	50.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	150.00	168.80	150.00
Reim. State Forest Land	200.00		300.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	75.00	86.00	75.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	15.00	52.00	25.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,000.00	3,255.44	2,500.00
Resident Taxes Retained	900.00	1,130.00	1,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	1,500.00	2,601.20	3,000.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$23,350.37	\$25,895.45	\$24,832.88
Amount to Be Raised By Property Taxes			<u>\$18,839.35</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			\$43,672.23

FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer	\$22,814.08	
Total		\$22,814.08
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Town Cemeteries	1,470.98	
Town Building Funds	1,147.37	
Snow Removal & Road Equipment	<u>6,879.27</u>	
Total		\$ 9,497.62
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1974	<u>36.98</u>	
Total		36.98
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1976 Including Resident Taxes	<u>3,307.39</u>	
Total		<u>3,307.39</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$35,656.07
 Current Surplus, December 31, 1975	 11,661.18	
Current Surplus, December 31, 1976	<u>9,210.21</u>	
Decrease of Surplus	\$ 2,450.97	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't)	\$ 100.00	
School District Tax Payable	16,123.29	
 Other Liabilities		
Class V Road Money	<u>724.95</u>	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		\$16,948.24
 Capital Reserve Funds:		<u>9,497.62</u>
Total Liabilities		26,445.86

Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	<u>\$ 9,210.21</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$35,656.07

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes – Current Year - 1976	\$46,888.18	
Resident Taxes – Current Year - 1976	980.00	
Yield Taxes – Current Year - 1976	<u>2,492.99</u>	
Total Current Year's Taxes		
Collected and Remitted		\$50,361.17
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes –		
Previous Years	\$ 1,870.62	
Resident Taxes – Previous Years	150.00	
Interest received on Delinquent		
Taxes	188.79	
Penalties: Resident Taxes	15.00	

From State:

For Class V Highway maintenance	9,196.85
Highway Subsidy	5,663.52
Interest and dividends tax	2,339.07
Savings Bank Tax	232.90
Fighting forest fires	37.51
Reimbursement a-c Motor Vehicle	
Road Toll	154.26
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,132.16
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits	
Tax	168.80

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	86.00
Business licenses, Permits and filing fees	52.00
Rent of Town property	66.00
Motor vehicle permits	<u>3,255.44</u>

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$74,970.09
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$15,000.00
Refunds: Bounties	3.50
Void Check	8.36
Yield Tax Security Deposits	670.22
Revenue Sharing	1,700.00
Law Enforcement Assistance Act (Governor's Commission on Crime & Delinquency)	1,244.00
Proceeds of Loans in Anticipation of Federal Aid	2,704.25
Proceeds of Loans in Anticipation of State Aid	<u>2,408.80</u>

Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue \$ 23,739.13

Total Receipts from All Sources 98,709.22

Cash on hand January 1, 1976 26,804.87

GRAND TOTAL \$125,514.09

PAYMENTS**Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:**

Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,372.67
Town officers' expenses	1,247.72
Election and registration expenses	1,051.90
Municipal and District Court Expenses	.30
Expenses Town Hall and other Town buildings	550.52

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	2,005.03
Fire Department, including Forest Fires	771.09
Insurance	1,529.90

Health:

Health department, including hospitals and ambulance	350.00
Town dumps	750.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	3,026.32
Town Maintenance (Summer-\$6,867.77 Winter- \$9,779.60)	16,647.37

Libraries: \$ 100.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	22.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	200.00
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Unclassified:

Damages and legal expenses	1,261.25
Advertising and Regional Associations	131.00
Timber Tax Security	450.00

Total Current Maintenance Expenses \$33,467.07

Debt Service:**Interest on Debt:**

Paid on tax anticipation notes	\$ 183.33
Paid on long term notes	90.00
Paid on Flood Disaster note	228.11

Total Interest Payments \$ 501.44

Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$15,000.00
Payments on long term notes	2,000.00
Payments on Flood note	5,660.00

Total Principal Payments \$22,660.00

Capital Outlay:

Highways and Bridges – State Aid construction Class V	\$ 9,211.20	
Payments to capital reserve funds	<u>1,200.00</u>	
Total Outlay Payments		\$10,411.20

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes paid to County	\$ 3,978.22	
Payments to School Districts	<u>31,682.08</u>	
Total Payments to Other Gov. Divisions		\$35,660.24
Total Payments for all Purposes		<u>102,700.01</u>
Cash on hand Dec. 31,1976		<u>\$22,814.08</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$125,514.09

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALBERT B. CARTER
CHARLES I. WALKER
ERNEST J. HANLEY
Selectmen

JEAN M. KRZYZAK
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries of Principal Town Officers:

Ernest J. Hanley, Selectmen	\$ 400.00
Charles I. Walker, Selectmen	400.00
Albert B. Carter, Selectmen	400.00
Delbert B. Gray, Tax Collector	1021.52
Nellie M. Ashley, Town Clerk, permit fees	401.15
Jean M. Krzyzak, Treasurer	200.00
Peggy M. Carter, Selectmen's Clerk	500.00
Matilda M. Ernst, Auditor	25.00
Mary Carroll Abell, Auditor	25.00

Total

\$3,372.00

Town Officers Expenses:

Clifford-Nicol, Inc., Town Reports, ballots, Selectmen's Stamp	\$374.50
N.H. Municipal Association-1976 dues	200.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Vouchers & Supplies	114.51
Ernest J. Hanley, Expenses	126.87
Albert B. Carter, Expenses	101.87
Charles I. Walker, Expenses	12.50
Postmaster, Rumney- Stamps	65.00
N.H. Assessors Assoc. 1976-77 dues	20.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc. 1976 dues	10.00
N. H. Town Clerk Assoc. 1976 dues	10.00
Peggy Carter, Office Supplies	34.45
Homestead Press, Tax Collectors Supplies	31.41
Mountain Media, Notices	31.02
Nella H. Ashley, Notorizing	5.00
Nellie M. Ashley, Supplies	4.11
Branham Publishing Co., Auto Reference Books	18.85

Total

\$1,247.72

Election & Registration Expenses:

Alexander Lennox, Moderator	\$ 69.97
Alfred Ashley, Moderator	51.00
Eric H. Bergstrom, Supervisor check list	126.00

Margaret M.Lennox , Supervisor check list	\$ 72.00
Marion E. Delsart, Supervisor check list	111.00
Beverly Walker,Supervisor check list	27.00
Frances Merrill, Ballot clerk	73.50
Arlene Carter, Ballot clerk	82.50
Nellie M. Ashley, Town clerk	109.50
Ernest J. Hanley, Selectman	88.50
Albert B. Carter, Selectman	76.50
Charles I. Walker, Selectman	16.50
Clyde C. Kimball, Police	40.50
Mountain Media, Notices	71.73
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Supplies	26.70
John King, Counting ballots	6.00
Nella H. Ashley, Notorizing	3.00

Total

\$1,051.90

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Receipts from Auto Permits:

8 Permits, 1975	\$ 29.65	
246 Permits, 1976	<u>3,225.79</u>	
		\$3,255.44

Receipts from Dog Licenses:

4 Female Dogs @ \$5.00	20.00	
33 Male Dogs @ 2.00	66.00	
Forfeits	<u>2.00</u>	
		\$ 88.00

Filing for Office:

14 Filings @ \$1.00	<u>\$ 14.00</u>	
Total Paid to Treasurer		\$3,357.44

Respectfully submitted

NELLIE M. ASHLEY
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1976

—DR.—

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$50,203.77
Resident Taxes	<u>1,080.00</u>

Total Warrants	\$51,283.77
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Yield Taxes	5,337.69
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Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes	\$ 166.10
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	<u>\$ 11.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$56,798.56
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—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$46,888.18
Resident Taxes	980.00
Yield Taxes	2,492.99
Interest Collected	166.10
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>11.00</u>
	\$50,538.27

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 88.20
Resident Taxes	<u>20.00</u>
	\$ 108.20

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$ 3,227.39
Resident Taxes	80.00
Yield Taxes	<u>2,844.70</u>
	\$ 6,152.09

TOTAL CREDITS

\$56,798.56

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1975**

—DR.—

Uncollected Taxes - As of Jan. 1, 1976:

Property Taxes \$ 1,778.55

Resident Taxes 200.00

\$ 1,978.55

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes \$ 157.86

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes

\$ 15.00

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 2,151.41

—CR.—

**Remittances to Treasurer During
Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1976:**

Property Taxes \$ 1,689.31

Resident Taxes 150.00

Interest Collected During Year 157.86

Penalties on Resident Taxes 15.00

\$ 2,012.17

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes \$ 89.24

Resident Taxes 50.00

\$ 139.24

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 2,151.41

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1974**

—DR.—

Uncollected Taxes - As of Jan. 1, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$110.08	
Yield Taxes	<u>108.21</u>	\$218.29
Interest Collected on Yield Taxes		15.22
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		<u>15.71</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		\$249.22

—CR.—

**Remittances to Treasurer During
Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1976:**

Property Taxes	\$ 73.10	
Yield Taxes	108.21	
Interest Collected During Year	<u>30.93</u>	\$212.24

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$ 36.98	
	<u>36.98</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$249.22

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

—DR.—

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1976	1974	
	<u>\$36.98</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$36.98
—CR.—		
Unredeemed Taxes-Dec.31, 1976	<u>\$36.98</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$36.98

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of Dec. 31, 1976, on account of the tax levy of 1976, is correct to the best of my knowledge, and belief.

DELBERT B. GRAY
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:

Cash on Hand January 1, 1976	\$26,804.87	
From Tax Collector	52,583.19	
From Town Clerk	3,357.44	
From Selectmen	<u>42,768.59</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$125,514.09

Payments:

By order of Selectmen		\$102,700.01
Cash on Hand December 31, 1976		<u>\$ 22,814.08</u>

Revenue Sharing Fund

1975 Balance	\$ 3,415.23	
1976 Received	2,554.00	
1976 Interest	<u>131.34</u>	
		\$ 6,100.57
Withdrawn by Selectmen		<u>5,999.05</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1976		\$ 101.52

Respectfully Submitted,

JEAN M. KRZYZAK

Treasurer

Report of
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
December 31, 1976

Cemetery Funds

PRINCIPAL

Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 966.23	
New Funds Created	-0-	
Balance End of Year		\$ 966.23

INCOME

Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 508.16	
Income During Year	79.59	
Expended During Year	83.00	
Balance End of Year		\$ 504.75

Capital Reserve Funds

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

PRINCIPAL

Balance Beginning of Year	\$5,409.24	
New Funds Created	1,000.00	
Balance End of Year		\$6,409.24

INCOME

Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 190.09	
Income During the year	279.94	
Balance End of Year		\$ 470.03

Town Building Fund

PRINCIPAL

Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 665.54	
New Funds Created	200.00	
Balance End of Year		\$ 865.54

INCOME

Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 236.74	
Income During Year	45.09	
Balance End of Year		\$ 281.83

Respectfully submitted,
 LYNDA L. BOEHM
 JAMES T. DAY
 RITA T. BUTCHER

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Cash Balance, January 1, 1976	\$.00
Appropriation:	\$13,000.00

Expenditures – Labor

Raymond E. Conkey	\$3,262.34
Cushman Ainslie	1,399.40
Albert Conkey, Jr.	737.10
Clarence L. Poitras, Sr.	488.20
Albert Carter	137.76
Robert A. Conkey	68.05
George C. Conkey	63.00
Frederick Landon	36.00
Richard Carter	19.50
John Latuch	30.00
Irving MacDonald	55.25
Ernest Hanley	35.75
David Carter	12.00
Bernard L. Berry	12.00
Michael Carter	18.00
Donald C. Thibodeau	15.00
Clarence L. Poitras, Jr.	10.00
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Labor Total	\$ 6,399.35

Miscellaneous Payments

Raymond E. Conkey – mileage & plowing with pickup	\$1,173.85
Irving MacDonald – backhoe & dozer work	1,091.50
Sanborn Repair – parts & repairs, truck, loader	1,090.47
Campers Rest – gas	922.63
Internal Revenue Service – withholdings	199.20
Campton Sand and Gravel – cold patch	289.30
Webster Motors – parts	489.93

Miscellaneous Payments (continued)

Cargil Incorporated – salt	\$ 252.23	
International Salt Company – salt	241.66	
Merrimack Farmers Exchange – materials	277.56	
Lumbertown – culvert	156.02	
John Hemeon – gravel & loader	552.00	
Kibby Equipment – cutting edges	188.87	
Frank Devlin – backhoe	224.00	
Armco Steel Corp. – culverts	493.21	
Metra Chemical Corp. – rustproofing	464.75	
J.P. Morrison Const. Inc. – grader	300.00	
B.P. Furniture Inc. – big culvert	700.00	
Phyllis Ashley – sand pile	420.00	
Shortts Garage – repairs to sander	47.85	
Albert Carter – welding	45.00	
Batchelder Tree Service – Rental - chipper & compressor	80.00	
Ernest Hanley –use of truck moving plow	70.00	
Roy W. Abbott – loading & trucking	57.60	
Raymond Keniston – lumber	48.30	
Sanel Auto Parts – parts & oil	94.06	
Brooks Auto Supply – parts	90.10	
Interstate Machinery – parts for loader	80.13	
Wentworth Sand & Stone – gravel	87.21	
Hawkensen Enterprises Inc. – parts	19.11	
Trumbull Hardware – bolts	1.48	
Total parts and services	\$10,248.02	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$16,647.37
Receipts:		
Summer and Winter Money	\$13,000.00	
Revenue Sharing Fund	<u>1,700.00</u>	
Total receipts		<u>\$14,700.00</u>
BALANCE December 31,1976 – Overdraft		\$ -1,947.37

Road Agent's report (Continued)

Maintenance Allotment by State for Class V Highways:

1976 Class V Allotment	\$9,196.85
Balance 1975 Allotment	<u>739.30</u>

Total Class V 1976	\$9,936.15
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Thayer Hill

Rebuilding Hill	<u>\$9,211.20</u>
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Leaving balance of	\$ 724.95
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T.R.A.

1976 Allotment	\$3,733.08
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Thayer Hill

Rebuilding hill	<u>\$3,026.32</u>
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LEAVING BALANCE OF 706.76

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. CARTER
CHARLES I. WALKER
ERNEST J. HANLEY
Selectmen

REPORT of the FOREST FIRE WARDEN and DISTRICT CHIEF

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The state also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	18	33
Town	0	0

JOHN Q. RICARD
District Fire Chief

RICHARD P. CARTER
Forest Fire Warden

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Richard P. Carter — Warden — 1976 expenses	\$ 77.67
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Deputy Wardens:

Louis A. Delsart	\$27.20
Albert B. Carter	27.20
George C. Conkey	27.20
Robert Thayer	<u>36.80</u>

Total Expenses	\$196.07
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Fire Training:

Richard P. Carter	\$20.42
Louis A. Delsart	16.00
Albert B. Carter	20.50
George C. Conkey	<u>18.10</u>

Total Training	\$ 75.02
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Rumney Fire Department protection	<u>\$500.00</u>
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TOTAL	\$771.09
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Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD P. CARTER
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF RELIEF AGENT

Old Age Assistance None

Town Poor None

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH L. HALL, Jr.
Relief Agent

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

121 duty calls and complaints for 1976
All bills are paid in full to the best of my knowledge.

To all residents leaving your homes for any length of time, please notify someone so they can watch over your residence for you due to a high rate of burglaries. Homes are high rated in break-ins. Due to a small Department the assistance of all residents could help reduce the rate of burglaries of all homes. All information could assist the Police Dept. and Sheriff Dept.

Thank you,

LARRY H. WALKER
Chief of Police

Dorchester Police Dept. 786-3551
Sheriff Dept. 1-800-552-0393

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Town Clerk and Trustees of the Trust Funds, and find them correctly and properly vouched.

MARY CARROLL ABELL
MATILDA M. ERNST

REPORT OF THE DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1976	\$655.10	
Received from Trust Funds	83.00	
Sale of Lots # 24 & 25 to Frederick and Barbara Gorrel	100.00	
Sale of Lot # 16 to John Morrissey	35.00	
Received from Selectmen	<u>200.00</u>	
		\$1,073.10

Expenses:

Care of Dorchester Cemetery (includes removal of stone wall)	\$249.50	
Care of "See-it-All" Cemetery	15.00	
Care of North Dorchester Cemetery	8.00	
Care of Town House Cemetery	37.50	
Care of Cheever Cemetery	<u>22.50</u>	
		332.50
Balance on Hand December 31, 1976		\$ 740.60

A. John Franz has been appointed Sexton for the Cemetery Committee. All arrangements for burials shall be made with him.

The wall around the old part of the Dorchester Cemetery has been removed. If the necessary funds are voted at Town Meeting a suitable road will be built through the cemetery.

The Cheever Cemetery fence is in need of repair and paint.

Broken stones in nearly all of our cemeteries are in need of mending.

The mowing and caring of the cemeteries was again done last year by Mrs. Martha Walker or under her supervision.

Respectfully submitted,
NELLA H. ASHLEY, Chairman
and Treasurer
ERIC P. BERGSTROM
MARTHA L. WALKER
Dorchester Cemetery Committee

LIBRARY REPORT 1976

The Dorchester Community Library continues to be open on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 p.m. During its second year of operation the Library circulated nearly 800 hardback and paperback books to its users. That circulation was drawn from the 1,000 book collection owned by the Library and the 775 books borrowed by the Library through the cooperation of the New Hampshire State Library Bookmobile.

Librarian, Beverly Walker and the Trustees , thank all those who have volunteered their time and services to assist in the day to day operation of the Library. Especially they thank the people of Dorchester for their use and continued support of the Dorchester Community Library.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY

Balance on Hand – 1/1/76	\$155.40
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Receipts:

Donation	\$ 25.00	
From Selectmen	100.00	
Bank Interest	5.83	
	<hr/>	\$130.83

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$286.23
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Payments:

Sears & Roebuck – Lighting	\$ 25.84
Noyes Agency – Insurance	15.00
John King – Electric parts	16.34
Bank Charge	.10
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 57.28
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Balance on Hand 12/31/76	\$228.95
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. KING, Chairman
ROBERT W. THAYER
NELLA H. ASHLEY

MASCOMA AREA HEALTH COUNCIL 1976

The Mascoma Area Health Council established at the Town Meetings in 1969 will, this year, start its eighth year of service to the Towns of Canaan, Enfield, Grafton and Orange and its second year to Dorchester. Serving a population of approximately 5500 the Council's two nurses provide nursing service in the home and a complete health promotion and disease prevention program. The Council receives referrals from hospitals, local physicians, relatives, concerned neighbors or the patient. The Nurses' home visits now average about 210 per month. A Physical Therapist, Elaine Mackin, of Enfield, is on contract with the Council and available when needed as are the Home Health Aides.

The free Well Child Clinic, held every month, has an enrollment of approximately 250 pre-school children. These children are eligible to participate in the bi-annual Dental Clinic sponsored by the N.H. State Department of Dental Health. These clinics are now held in Enfield Town Hall, "Whitney Hall", where the Mascoma Area Health Council office is located, telephone 632-7234.

From time to time the Council cooperates with other agencies and the N.H. Department of Health to provide Adult Health Screening clinics and a Women's Clinic sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Council support comes from the five towns served on a per capita basis, plus fees collected from Medicare, Medicaid, Third Party Payers and private paying patients. Of necessity we must set a fee for skilled nursing service rendered other than the free clinics. However the services of the Council are available to everyone regardless of ability to pay.

The Council is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected from the five towns. Its Medical Policies and Practices are supervised by a Medical Advisory Board consisting of area physicians and nurses.

Susan Schleich, R.N. of West Canaan is Nurse-Director of the Council. Betsy Larison, R.N. of West Lebanon is a full-time nurse and our office and administrative duties are assisted by Sharron A. Wheeler of Enfield.

OUR PART IN THE NATION'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Early in April of 1976, Bicentennial Town Chairman Nella H. Ashley and Co-chairman Lee King called a meeting of the Dorchester Bicentennial Committee to plan the events which would entitle us to be designated a Bicentennial Town.

Named to the Committee, which was chosen to be broadly representative of all the segments of our community, were the three Selectmen, Ernest J. Hanley, Charles I. Walker and Albert Carter; Librarian, Beverly Walker; Church Trustees, Robert W. Thayer, Ernest Carter, Larry H. Walker and Eric Bergstrom; School Board Member, Alfred E. Ashley; New Hampshire Teacher of the Year (1968), Matilda Ernst; Elementary Teacher, Linda Merrill Kimball; School Principal, James Day; Business Administrator, Supervisory Union #32, Charles Boehm; N.H. League of Arts and Crafts Instructor, Edith Gray; Treasurer Dorchester Churches and Grange, Nellie M. Ashley; Resident-Owner Stephen Murch - First Settler Property, Elizabeth Bergmann; Bicentennial Quilt Project Chairman, Frances Merrill; Owner-Maple Lane Farm, Phyllis B. Ashley; 4-H Leader, Eva Grochocki and Grange Master, Frederick Grochocki.

The project chosen for "Heritage '76" was the program for Old Home Day in August, an original play, "Dorchester 1776". "Festival U.S.A." was to be observed by Family Day on July 4th with a morning Church Service, coffee hour, a noon cook-out, dedication of the Liberty Trees and Schoolhouse Bell. "Horizons '76" would be the beautification of the Town Common and Restoration of one or more of the old watering troughs which were very needful to the early settlers in our town.

Two Liberty Trees were planted on April 24th in front of the Museum under the direction of Co-chairman Lee King.

On June 20th Chairman Nella H. Ashley and the Selectmen welcomed Gov. Meldrim Thomson who presented our Bicentennial Flag, Congressman James Cleveland who presented a Bicentennial message from President Gerald Ford and Dr. J. Duane Squires, Chairman New Hampshire Bicentennial Commission who presented our Bicentennial Certificate. Letters of congratulations and regrets that they were unable to be present were received from U.S. Senators Norris Cotton, Thomas J. McIntyre and John A. Durkin. The presentation ceremony was followed by a Silver Tea with Miss Nellie Ashley and Mrs. Frances Merrill as Hostesses. A Craft Show arranged by Mrs. Edith Gray was admired by all. The Red Schoolhouse Museum was opened for the tenth season with Representative John Gemmill serving as guide to our distinguished guests.

Lee King arranged for the Scrolls to be signed by our townspeople and delivered to the Bicentennial Wagon Train at its Concord encampment in May.

A Bicentennial Poster Contest was sponsored with Gary A. Walker the winner. Kathleen Melanson won the Bicentennial Essay Contest and read her essay on July 4th when our Liberty Trees were dedicated by Lee King and the Schoolhouse Bell by Alfred E. Ashley. A. Topliff Sawyer, Jr. was the first to ring the bell which was given to the Museum by his father, the late Lieut. Col. A. Topliff Sawyer, U.S. Air Force (Ret.). Thus we joined the ringing of bells across the nation.

On September 5th Alfred E. Ashley guided the group on a Bicentennial Tour of the town, pointing out the site of the Gregg Tavern, Poor Farm, gravestone of our Revolutionary War Hero, Silvanus Woodworth and points of interest along the Province Road.

The December 12th meeting to establish a Dorchester Historical Society concluded a successful Bicentennial year.

A scrapbook of letters, clippings and pictures of these events will be found in our Library and on special occasions at our Museum.

NELLA H. ASHLEY
LEE H. KING

DEATHS — TOWN OF DORCHESTER 1976

Date	Place of Death	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Father's Name Mother's Name
March 4, 1976	Plymouth, N.H.	Charles W. Joyce	83	Canada	Herbert G. Joyce Sarah Goodacre
Nov. 7, 1976	Plymouth, N.H.	Marion Taylor Acker	84	Nashua, N.H.	Elmer E. Roundy Minnie L. Taylor

BIRTHS — TOWN OF DORCHESTER — 1976

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Mother	Name of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
Oct. 5, 1976 Plymouth, N.H.	Stephanie Anne Day	F	Cynthia Jeanne Cummings	James Thomas Day	Maine	N.H.
Nov. 5, 1976 Laconia, N.H.	Christopher Glenn Young	M	Pearl Dorothy Comeau	Richard Melvin Young, Sr.	N.H.	N.H.

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